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AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 18, 2001, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 33 to read as follows (Exhibit I contains a marked up version):

33. An optical recording/reproducing system as in claim 34,

wherein each of said first layers comprises a transparent

<u>substrate.</u>

Please add the following new claims 35-37:

35. An apparatus according to claim 26, further comprising a disc discrimination means for discriminating the thickness of